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**MARLEE YOST-WOLFF** is a sophomore majoring in International/Russian Studies and minoring in English. Her studies explore how national identity informs communities and affects the relationship between the self and the Other. As a Lives of Commitment Sophomore Leader, Marlee has worked with immigrants and refugees at various St. Paul organizations, including Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment and Neighborhood House. When she's not curled up on the fourth floor of the library with a book, Marlee enjoys running varsity cross country and track & field for Macalester College. Recently, Marlee received the Mellon "Creating Lifelong Learners" Fellowship for her 2017 summer internship with Abdo Publishing.

**KEVIN XIONG** is a Junior majoring in American Studies and Educational Studies at Macalester College from North Minneapolis, MN. As a Hmong, first-generation college student, he is passionate about college-access and increasing accessibility of first-generation college students on Macalester's campus. He was recently awarded with Macalester's 2017 Summer Live It Fund to continue his work with college-access by engaging with parents of first-generation college students to understand the college application process. As a Bonner Community Scholar, board member of Macalester's Hmong organization - Ua Ke, and the College-Access coordinator in the Civic Engagement Center, he is dedicated to working with the local communities in the Twin Cities.

**EMILY WALLS** will graduate from Macalester in December 2017 with BA in American Studies and Educational Studies. She is from Lynn, Massachusetts and has worked with The Food Project since she was 15 years old. From her work with TFP she has developed a passion for urban agriculture and youth development. She also has an irrepressible love of fonts and enjoys doing graphic design in her spare time. She won the 2017 Educational Studies Department t-shirt design contest and designed the print layout for *Tapestries*, volume 6.

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